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Did a UFO crash in Kingman in 1953?

Only in Arizona: New book chronicles close encounters in Arizona, including one that parallels the most famous event of its kind in neighboring New Mexico

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A 1947 Roswell, N.M., event involving little green men and unidentified flying objects may garner most of the extraterrestrial story lines, but believers say a lesser-known 1953 “crash” in the desert near Kingman rivals in scale, historic impact and X-Files intrigue.

If you believe in such things.

“Arizona has at least a half-dozen UFO crash-retrieval type events, and the Kingman crash is by far the most famous and best-verified,” says researcher Preston Dennett, author of “UFOs Over Arizona: A True History of Extraterrestrial Encounters in the Grand Canyon State.”

“In fact, it is one of the best-verified UFO crashes in the United States, definitely in the top 10.”

Crash details

scientists to the crash site to investigate.

“The object was described as metallic, 30 feet wide and three and a half feet high, oval-shaped with portholes,” he says. “Inside were two to four, four-foot tall humanoids, deceased according to most sources, with large eyes and wearing metallic suits.”

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The object was quickly scooped up and taken to either Area 51 air base in Nevada or Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, Dennett says.

Among the scientists assisting in the recovery was engineer Arthur Stancil, Dennett writes in "UFOs Over Arizona." After making measurements and studying the crash site, Stancil concluded that the craft struck the ground at 1,200 miles per hour, but was strangely undamaged and definitely not human-made.

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streamlined cigar.”

Not from earth

Metallurgist Leonard Stringfield also was on-scene, and after spending two days analyzing the craft and materials concluded that “the object was not constructed on Earth.”

Next to the spacecraft was a tent being guarded by military police, Stancil says.

“I managed to glance inside at one point and saw the dead body of a 4-foot human-like creature in a silver metallic suit,” he says. “The skin on its face was dark brown.”

Covered up

As you might imagine, the public knew nothing about the Kingman event at the time, which remained covered up for years, Dennett says.

“The first break in the case came from columnist Frank Scully, whose book ‘Behind the Flying Saucers’ mentioned the crash,” he says. “Other researchers soon found additional witnesses.”

Dennett cites other personnel on-site who tell tales of aliens packed in dry ice, ancient sanskrit-like type, alien interest in copper, and other fantastic tidbits.

Whether you believe or not, there's no denying that the story out of Kingman is out of this world.

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